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Mr. William D. Moeller
Clifton Mining Company
70 West Canyon Crest Road, Suite D
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Dear Mr. Moeller:

On January 27, 2000, this office requested that Clifton Mining Company (CMC) provide additional information to complete the Plan of Operations to conduct milling operations on the Cactus Millsite located in T. 7 S., R. 18 W., Section 35. On February 28, 2000, we received your response, which contained sufficient information to complete your Plan, however you failed to address your proposed occupancy of the millsite area as required under the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Use and Occupancy regulations at 43 CFR 3715. Your use and occupancy of the Cactus Millsite will be handled under a separate authorization with a separate casefile.

In our letter of January 27, 2000, we requested that CMC provide a detailed map that identifies the mill site and the placement of the fence, and a written description of the proposed occupancy that describes in detail the following:

- a) How the proposed occupancy is reasonably incident to your operations;
- b) How the proposed occupancy meets the conditions specified in 43 CFR 3715.2 and 3715.2-1;
- c) Where you propose to place temporary or permanent structures for occupancy;
- d) The location of and reason you need enclosures, fences, gates, and signs intended to exclude the general public;
- e) The location of reasonable public passage or access routes through or around the mill site area to adjacent Public Lands;

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- f) The estimated period of use of the structures, enclosures, fences, gates, and signs as well as the schedule for removal and reclamation when the operations end.

We have attached a copy of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Use and Occupancy regulations at 43 CFR 3715 for your use. Please provide this office with the above requested information within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Upon receipt of your response, the BLM will review the information provided and make a determination whether or not the continued use and occupancy of the Cactus Millsite by CMC is reasonably incident to processing operations proposed to occur on the millsite. If you fail to provide the requested information, you will be in noncompliance with Federal regulations at 43 CFR 3715.

On April 21, 2000 and June 21, 2000 the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) requested that CMC provide sufficient information to obtain a Large Mine Permit with that agency. This office will suspend final authorization of your Plan of Operations until the information requested by UDOGM has been provided to that agency and they are prepared to issue CMC a Large Mine Permit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Michael Ford of my staff at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,

/S/ MICHAEL G. NELSON

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Enclosure

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